

NEWS



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(Above) Dana Boyd, an electrical superintendent for Pro Llectric Contractors, Inc., digs a manhole for the installation of electrical conduits Tuesday, as part of the construction of the All Weather Training Facility. It will be primarily used for recruit training and graduations during inclement weather or Black Flag conditions. (Right) David Woodward, architect for the Public Works engineering division, looks over floor plans for the new \$7 million facility. Construction began in November 2003, and is scheduled to be completed in September.



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# NCIS warns of banking scam

## NCIS ADVISORY

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This advisory is generated to advise the local Department of Defense community of a telecommunications/check fraud scam that has recently been brought to the attention of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Resident Agency, Parris Island. This scam is a variation of a highly publicized scam known as the Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud. A military member assigned to MCRD Parris Island posted a personal advertisement on *www.beaufortonline.com* classified listings for the sale of a motorcycle. A prospective buyer, identifying himself only as Tony, presumably from an unknown overseas location, offered to purchase the motorcycle for \$4,000. The suspect communicated with the military member via email, as well as via telephone. The suspect advised the service member that the person who handles all of his shipping needs owes him \$5,450, so the shipper would be forwarding the funds for the motorcycle to the military members home address. The shipper was identified as David Santos, at an address in the United Kingdom. The military member received a cashier's check drawn on PNCBANK, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$5,450. The check

was delivered to the military member's home address. The suspect instructed the military member to deposit the check and then wire transfer \$1,500 to David Santos via Western Union to cover the shipping of the vehicle. The suspect told the military member the shipper would be in touch to finalize shipping of the motorcycle once the wire transfer was completed. When attempting to deposit the check into his local bank account, the military member learned the check was a counterfeit. United States Secret Service personnel advised they have also received reports of this scam from citizens using online advertising in Beaufort County, and throughout the United States. All personnel should avoid responding to, or corresponding with, online buyers who propose similar arrangements. It is not advisable to wire funds to anyone you do not know. Understanding that enforcement of this scam is very difficult, law enforcement still desires to receive reports of all suspected scams, particularly if there is an address identified as the location to wire funds. This information can be coordinated with our law enforcement counterparts throughout the world. Please report all suspicious correspondence to the Parris Island office at 228-2612.

# \$7 million training facility underway

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Construction crews, in coordination with Public Works, are continuing to break ground on the 47,600-square foot All Weather Training Facility that is being built near the 1st RTBn. physical training field. After years of planning and proposals, the funds were approved by Congress, and Public Works was awarded the \$7 million contract in May 2003. After several months and many revisions to the original blue prints, construction to the facility began in November 2003. Public Works drew up plans for the multi-purpose building because they thought it would be more useful rather than an ordinary Thunderdome, a structure that would only protect against lightning and heavy rains. The facility's expansive open space, which ranges 260-feet long and 150-feet wide, will primarily be used for recruit academic training, close order drill and indoor graduations during inclement weather and Black Flag conditions, according to David Woodward, architect for the Public Works engineering division. "It's a huge building ... it's going to be bigger than the Lyceum," he said. The facility will be equipped with enough retractable and fixed bleachers to accommodate more than 2,900 people, and with three 12- by 18-foot audio

visual projector screens. The facility will also be used for classroom instruction, conferences and other civic activities. To alleviate the congestion in the Recruit Chapel on Sundays, the seating capacity in the facility will also be used for religious services. This will eliminate the need to conduct multiple services to accommodate the high number of recruits, said Woodward. Aside from added convenience, the building's overall design, which will incorporate red brick, detailed decorative arches and square windows, will be reminiscent of the historical architecture of some of the buildings aboard Parris Island, some of which have been in use since the late 1930's, said Woodward. "We're trying to make our buildings have a character that will last like the old buildings," he said. "We are using buildings now that are well over 100 years old. I'm sure this building will be in use for another 100 years also." With the completion of the building scheduled for September, Woodward is confident that their latest creation will uphold Marine standards of quality and "permanence." "We're going to build this building as good as the buildings we have that are turn-of-the-century," said Woodward. "We're trying to make sure we build quality. The Marine Corps is the most elite fighting force in the world, and the buildings need to reflect that nature."

## PMI/Coach of the Week ...



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Primary Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. William Tinney helped 100 percent of the recruits from Platoon 3009, India Co., 3rd RTBn., to rifle range qualification. The platoon achieved an average shooting score of 208. Starlite Range Coach Lance Cpl. Robert Khadaran (not pictured) helped qualify 14 recruits from Platoon 3009, India Co., 3rd RTBn. Khadaran coached four experts, five sharpshooters and five marksmen.